



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, MANDARIN BRIDGE LTD. CO.

PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BEFORE SIGNING. THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR AGREEMENT WITH MANDARIN BRIDGE.

1. The Mandarin Bridge applicant certifies that all the information provided in the application process is accurate to the best of their knowledge and acknowledges that any false or misleading information may lead to instant dismissal from the program.
2. Each participant must be aware that international travel is inherently risky. By becoming an English volunteer abroad, you acknowledge and accept these risks and those associated with living and working in developing countries. Mandarin Bridge is not liable (to the maximum extent of the law) for any loss or harm you may suffer. This includes, but is not limited to: transportation delay; bodily injury or death; loss of or damage to baggage; financial loss. Mandarin Bridge is not liable for any act of crime committed against a participant while living in China and cannot be responsible for any results of such an act.
3. While the participant has the option of forgoing placement in an assigned school in hopes of finding a different host school, Mandarin Bridge will not be required to refund any portion of the application fee in the event that a different school cannot be found. Volunteering in China requires enormous flexibility and the participant should be prepared to accept the placement offered by Mandarin Bridge and its Chinese partners. While every effort will be made to fulfill placement requests, Mandarin Bridge cannot guarantee that all requests will be met.
4. In the event that Mandarin Bridge refuses an applicant's acceptance to the program, the application fee will be fully refunded. In the event that the participant withdraws his/her application, the application fee will not be refunded. Mandarin Bridge reserves the right to refuse any applicant who does not meet the program eligibility requirements or any applicant that Mandarin Bridge does not deem appropriate to accept in the general interests of the program.
5. Canceling a contract in China is extremely detrimental to the host institution. In the event that a participant does not complete the full term of their contract with the host institution for any reason, Mandarin Bridge is not obligated to refund any part of the participant's fees. The participant is also aware that any contract termination may result in penalties, which are the sole responsibility of the participant.
6. **In addition to the loss of application fees, participants who withdraw from the program after being accepted, but before departure to China, are liable to pay cancellation charges up to a maximum of \$1000. Participants who withdraw from the program after arrival in China, are liable to pay cancellation charges up to a maximum of \$1500. For further details of our cancellation policy, please contact Mandarin Bridge.**
7. Mandarin Bridge makes no presentation or warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the suitability of the program for any participant and Mandarin Bridge disclaims all such warranties to the full extent permitted by law.
8. Most host institutions are in central areas with easy access to city center; however certain host institutions may be in isolated locations and may have limited facilities and transportation links. The participant agrees to accept his or her living conditions and to respect the host institution's guidelines and policies, including those with regard to conduct, delinquency, and terms of employment.
9. The participant agrees to pay all fees in full before departure, or risk program dismissal and the loss of all application fees paid up to that point.
10. Mandarin Bridge is not responsible or liable for cancellations of flights, hotels reservations, changes in visa requirements, or any international travel restrictions imposed by any government, which prevent entry into China. All travel arrangements, including flight bookings, are subject to the terms, conditions and cancellation policies of the travel or tour organizer or airline.
11. Mandarin Bridge reserves the right to dismiss from the program any participant who is deemed, by Mandarin Bridge, the host institution, or Chinese authorities, to be a danger to themselves or others or whose conduct is deemed to be detrimental to the program or their host institution. In the event of such dismissal, Mandarin Bridge shall not be held responsible for any airfare charges, or any other expenses incurred by the participant in returning home, and shall not be required to return any fees paid by the participants.
12. All conditions of participation and the availability of all positions are subject to change without notice.
13. The participant shall be responsible for and held liable for all of his or her acts along with any loss or damage that results from those acts while he or she is abroad. In the event that Mandarin Bridge, its affiliates and overseas cooperators, the host institution, and or any respective employees, agents and representatives of any of these

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entities suffer any loss or damages as a result of the acts of the participant, then the participant agrees to indemnify the party that suffered such loss or damages. Such claim for indemnification shall cover any and all reasonable claims, causes of action, judgments, losses, costs or expenses which may be made against any of the parties listed or which said parties may suffer or incur as a result of or relating to any acts of the participant.

14. The participant is responsible for considering his or her personal health and safety needs when applying for or accepting a teaching position. If the participant suffers from any health or other condition that would create a risk for them while abroad, he or she should not apply. The participant acknowledges that he/she is responsible for obtaining international health insurance should he/she desire such coverage. **Mandarin Bridge does not offer travel/health insurance.**
15. Mandarin Bridge requires every participant to provide detailed contact information of a friend or family member that can be contacted in case of an emergency.
16. While Mandarin Bridge and the host institution are always willing to answer questions and provide information, the participant is responsible for reading and carefully considering all materials made available through but not limited to (www.mandarinbridge.org.cn) that relate to safety, health, legal, environmental, political, cultural and religious customs and conditions in their host community; and must be aware of local conditions that may present health or safety risks when making daily choices and decisions. Each participant must take full responsibility in the event that laws, regulations, or customs are broken, regardless of foreknowledge.
17. It should be understood by the participant that the working and living conditions in China are likely to be very different to those in the participant's home country, and in some instances may be quite basic. Much of the information concerning the position, the host institution, and China is provided to Mandarin Bridge by the host institution or others. While Mandarin Bridge believes this information to be generally correct, Mandarin Bridge cannot guarantee its accuracy or timeliness and thus makes no representations or warranties about these statements or the actual conditions.
18. Although Mandarin Bridge operates this placement service, other terms and conditions applicable to the participant will be contained in a separate contract between the participant and the host institution. Mandarin Bridge will endeavor to monitor compliance with the contract by the host institution.
19. All travel before, during and after the contracted position is at the participant's own risk. Any participant who chooses to operate motorized vehicles is responsible for obtaining the necessary license, permission and insurance and does so at his or her own risk.
20. While Mandarin Bridge will always endeavor to fulfill its responsibilities, Mandarin Bridge cannot accept liability or responsibility for any alterations, delay or cancellation caused by threat of war, fire, sickness, bad weather, acts of government or public authority or other circumstances amounting to a "force majeure".
21. The participant agrees to not engage in any business of placing teachers in China or any other practice that would be in competition with Mandarin Bridge, for the space of 6 years from the signing of these terms and conditions.
22. **In regards to health; by signing this form the participant attests that he/she is medically fit to participate in teaching overseas and recommended to do so by a certified physician.**

I understand, agree with and accept all the Terms and Conditions listed above pertaining to the placement services provided by Mandarin Bridge Ltd. Co.

Signature _____ **Date** _____